

Mr. HOYER. And NASA next, either late Tuesday or Wednesday or even Thursday depending on how long the Foreign Relations Reauthorization Act takes?

Mr. DELAY. That is correct, Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. HOYER. And the PATRIOT Act would be on Thursday and/or Friday?

Mr. DELAY. That is correct.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Leader, the highway bill, we have discussed trying to reauthorize the highway bill, and both sides feel it is important to get it through. We have had the 8th extension, and that expires this coming Tuesday. Can the leader shed some light on the status of the conference?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is correct. The highway bill is, as we all know, an incredibly important bill. It is an important jobs bill. It is important for the infrastructure of this country. Maybe that is why it is taking so long to do this. But the conference on the highway bill is slowly rolling along. Compromises are being made in some key areas. I am optimistic that a conference report can be ready maybe even next week, but certainly be ready in the next 2 weeks.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the leader for that information. The information I have is the eighth extension ends Tuesday. It is not on the list, but would it be the gentleman's expectation that we would have another short-term extension?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I would refer to the chairman on that. I do not want to preclude what position the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure would be in to make that decision. If we had to do an extension, certainly we would fit it in between debates on the major bills we will be doing next week.

Mr. HOYER. Obviously, the problem is, as the leader well knows, if there is a gap of authorization existing in law, it has adverse consequences obviously on existing projects or the possibility of pursuing existing projects. I would hope if we cannot get to conference, which would be probably impossible by next Tuesday, we would have an extension so that would not cause anybody any problem in the contracting field.

Mr. Leader, it is my understanding that the CAFTA legislation, a very important piece of legislation, is not on the calendar for next week. Would it be the expectation of the leader that the CAFTA legislation would be on the last week we are in session?

Mr. DELAY. As the gentleman knows, the Senate has passed CAFTA. The Committee on Ways and Means has marked it up. I expect that the House will vote on it before we adjourn for the August recess. I just do not know when that will be.

Mr. HOYER. But the gentleman is confident at least it will not be next week?

Mr. DELAY. I am pretty confident it will not be next week; that is correct.

Mr. HOYER. The last two pieces of legislation, there has been a lot of talk and a lot of newspaper coverage about both campaign finance reform and possible Social Security and/or pension or Social Security pension legislation. Can the leader tell us whether there is anticipation on your side of the aisle that we will be considering either one of those or both? Campaign finance, I know there are two separate pieces of legislation, Pence-Wynn and Shays-Meehan, pending. Will either one of those subjects, do you think, be on the calendar prior to the July 28 recess date?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman continuing to yield, and I assume the gentleman will ask another question about Social Security, so I will take campaign finance first.

There is a lot of negotiations that need to be held on both the Shays-Meehan bill and the Pence-Wynn bill. In my opinion, they are not ripe yet. I do not see that they will get any riper between now and the August break.

Mr. HOYER. That is a good way to put it. I will then ask about the Social Security and/or pension or combination thereof. There was some talk it might be before recess. Now we have read some comments it might not be until September. Can the leader shed some light on the majority's view when that will come forward?

Mr. DELAY. As the gentleman knows, the Committee on Ways and Means has had a number of hearings on Social Security and retirement security in general. In addition, the Committee on Education and the Workforce passed a bill relating to a number of issues related to defined benefit pension plans before the July 4th district work period. There are additional ideas related to retirement savings building support within this House. I expect that the House will focus on these issues in the fall.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Majority Leader for that information.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 18, 2005 AND HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2005

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates; and, further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in

order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT AND TERRORISM PREVENTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, following up on the colloquy of our colleagues, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), I would like to announce that the Committee on Rules may meet next week to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 3199, the USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005. The Committee on the Judiciary and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ordered the bill reported on July 13. Both committees are expected to file their reports with the House by Monday, July 18.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in H-312 of the Capitol by 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19. Members should be advised that a combined text from the committees of jurisdiction should be available for their review on the committees' websites and on the Committee on Rules website by tomorrow, Friday, July 15.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the appropriate format. Members are also advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to ensure that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3070, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of July 18 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 3070, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005. The Committee on Science ordered the bill reported today and is expected to file its report with the House on Monday, July 18.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in H-312 of the Capitol by 12 noon on Tuesday, July 19.

Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Science which should be available for their review on the websites of both the Committee on Science and the Committee on Rules tomorrow.

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Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the appropriate format. Members are also advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

CELEBRATING WALT DISNEY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATION

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 355) celebrating Walt Disney's contributions to our Nation, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would first like to thank my friend from Virginia for bringing up this legislation today as well as the distinguished Republican leader for allowing it to be considered under unanimous consent. I would also like to extend my thanks to the ranking member of the Government Reform Committee and my fellow Californian for his support, and, of course, our leader, the gentlewoman from California.

Mr. Speaker, Disneyland is the treasure of the 47th Congressional District of California, and it is also a national treasure. Its doors first opened 50 years ago, on July 17, 1955. This bill commemorates the anniversary, which will be celebrated this weekend in my hometown of Anaheim, California. The bill also celebrates the extraordinary life of its creator and visionary, Mr. Walt Disney.

Since Disney introduced his lovable Mickey Mouse to the world in 1928, his creations and his legacy have been a joy and an inspiration to this country and to every corner of the globe. Disneyland and the world of Disney, of course, have gone far beyond its humble beginnings. Disneyland, itself, has grown from a single theme park with one hotel into a full-scale resort with two world-class theme parks; 2,200 hotel rooms; and 40 restaurant and retail locations. And it is Orange County's leading employer, directly employing 2,000 individuals and supporting an additional 45,700 jobs.

It is, therefore, my pleasure and honor to recognize the 50th anniversary of Disneyland, for as we say in Anaheim, it is the happiest place on

Earth. I thank, again, my colleagues for allowing me to offer this legislation today.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to support H. Res. 355, which celebrates Walt Disney's contributions to our Nation. I want to thank my distinguished colleague, the gentlewoman from California, for sponsoring and spearheading this resolution.

As 2005 marks the 50th anniversary of Disneyland, now is an appropriate time to recognize the outstanding contributions of its founder, Walt Disney, to our Nation. Like so many American success stories, Walt Disney was a self-made man. In the 1920s he began by independently producing a series of animated comedies, starting with Alice's Wonderland in 1923. In 1928 Walt Disney figuratively struck gold when he created Mickey Mouse. Since then, he went on to create countless other memorable characters, too numerous to list here.

In the process, he won 32 Academy Awards for his work. Nevertheless, the highest praise for Disney may lie in the sustained delight his creations have inspired in millions of Americans, young and old, for more than 70 years.

Not content with just his screen creations, Walt Disney was inspired by his daughters to create a special place where adults and children could have fun together. In 1955, he realized this dream with the opening of Disneyland in Anaheim, California. In the park's formal dedication, he expressed his hope that Disneyland would be "a source of joy and inspiration to the world." It is no exaggeration to say that his dream has become a reality. Now, millions of people around the world benefit from his inspiration at Disneyland and the many other family-oriented Disney theme parks, cruise lines, and resorts. Much like his movies, a visit to Disneyland is a cherished memory of countless childhoods.

Walt Disney was an unrivaled imaginative visionary. Through his gifted imagination, he has touched nearly all of us and left our culture far richer than he found it.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 355

Whereas in the summer of 1923, Walt Disney independently produced a cartoon called Alice's Wonderland, and he decided that he could use it as his "pilot" film to sell a series of Alice comedies to a distributor;

Whereas a New York distributor, M.J. Winkler, contracted to distribute the Alice comedies on October 16, 1923, and this date is credited as the birth of the Disney company;

Whereas the company was originally known as the Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio, with Walt Disney and his brother, Roy, as equal partners, the company soon changed its name, at Roy's suggestion, to the Walt Disney Studio;

Whereas today, the list of Disney classic animated films reads like an all-time favorites list of children everywhere: Cinderella, Pinocchio, Bambi, Alice in Wonderland, Beauty and the Beast, Dumbo, 101 Dalmations, The Jungle Book, Aladdin, The Lion King, Toy Story, Pocahontas, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Mulan, Monsters Inc., The Emperor's New Groove, A Bug's Life, and many others;

Whereas Disney has also produced timeless live action family films including 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Swiss Family Robinson, Treasure Island, Honey, I Shrunk the Kids, and The Santa Clause;

Whereas the Walt Disney Foundation strives to promote discourse, writing, and scholarship about the life, work, and philosophy of Walt Disney;

Whereas 2005 is the 50th anniversary of Disneyland;

Whereas Walt Disney's dream of "a place where parents and children could have fun together", became a reality with the opening of Disneyland in Anaheim, California, and subsequently in the opening of additional theme parks, cruise lines, and resorts worldwide;

Whereas when Walt Disney formally dedicated Disneyland on July 17, 1955, he stated that he hoped the park would be "... a source of joy and inspiration to all the world";

Whereas Walt Disney's original venture in Anaheim has expanded from a single theme park with one hotel into a full-scale Resort with two world-class theme parks, 2,200 hotel rooms and 40 restaurant and retail locations;

Whereas the success of Walt Disney's dream has launched an industry and sparked an empire of fun that now spans the globe, attracting millions of visitors on three continents every year;

Whereas Walt Disney opened Disneyland with 1,280 cast members in 1955 and today Walt Disney Parks and Resorts employs more than 100,000 cast members worldwide;

Whereas in the spirit of Walt Disney millions of dollars in cash, in-kind gifts, and volunteer services are provided to hundreds of non-profit groups, touching the lives of thousands of people; and

Whereas Walt Disney's creation of Disneyland was, perhaps, the single greatest family entertainment achievement of the 20th century—introducing an entirely new concept in outdoor entertainment and establishing an icon of fun and magic known around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) celebrates Walt Disney's contributions to our Nation; and

(2) congratulates Disneyland, "the Happiest Place on Earth", on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

The resolution was agreed to.

AMENDMENT TO THE PREAMBLE OFFERED BY
MR. TOM DAVIS OF VIRGINIA

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment to the preamble.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment to the preamble offered by Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia: